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	Examiner Timothy J. Thompson	Art Unit 2873

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-28 and 37-45 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 29-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 25 November 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>02/2004</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 29-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Joyner et al.(U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0111779).

Regarding claim 29, Joyner et al. discloses a plurality of modulators(fig 1, 14), each modulator coupled to the output of one of an array of lasers and vice versa(fig 1, 12), the chip further comprising a coupler that receives the plurality of outputs from the modulators and combines them into a combined output signal(fig 1, 20).

Regarding claim 30, Joyner et al. discloses the modulators are Mach-Zehnder interferometers(para 0055).

Regarding claim 31, Joyner et al. discloses the coupler is a multi-mode interference coupler(para 0055)

Regarding claim 32, Joyner et al. discloses each of said modulators apply modulation to its respective laser output(Fig 1).

Regarding claim 33, Joyner et al. discloses the chip further comprises a tap photodiode that measures the combined output signal(fig 2, 30).

Regarding claim 34, Joyner et al. discloses a plurality of tap photodiodes that measure outputs of each of said modulators(fig 1, 14).

Regarding claim 35, Joyner et al. discloses the chip is made from a material consisting of LiNbO₃, InP and GGs(para 0057).

Regarding claim 36, Joyner et al. discloses the chip is a polymer chip(para 0076).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-28, 37-45 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art taken either singularity or in combination fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the limitations of the independent claim, in such a manner that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103 would be proper. The prior art fails to teach a combination of all the claimed features as presented in independent claims 1, 13, 22, 37, with the allowable feature being; the specific components and their ordered arrangement(claims 1, 13, 22, 37). Therefore claims 1-28, 37-45 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kato et al.(U.S. Pat. No. 5,859,945) is pertinent to the application since he pertains to modulator/combiners.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy J. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-2342. If the examiner can not be reached his supervisor, Georgia Epps, can be reached on (571) 272-2328.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Thompson".

TIMOTHY THOMPSON
PRIMARY EXAMINER